THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): The accommodation to CRPF is being provided by the Government of J&K.

In regard to hiring of private accommodation, the Government of J&K has set up a rent assessment Committee comprising of the following:

(i) Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar.
(ii) SSP, Srinagar.
(iii) S.E., P.W.D., Srinagar.
(iv) Executive Engineer, PWD, Srinagar.

Government of J&K has informed that the rent assessment will depend in case of hotels on the basis of their category of registratoin with the Tourism Department; and in other cases on the type of accommodation, the year of construction and relevant rules which govern assessment of rent as per PWD norms of 1983.

Status of Darjeeling

3853. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Greater Nepal; Ghising's New Card" appearing in the Telegraph dated July 14, 1991; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) Government do not have confirmed information regarding the reported move for creation of 'Greater Nepal'. Nevertheless the Government do not recognise such demands coming from whatever source.

Construction of tubewells in Uttar Pradesh

3854. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tubewells set up in Uttar Pradesh especially in Azamgarh and Mau districts with the assistance for the World Bank;

(b) the number of tubewells out of those which are functioning and the number of such tubewells which are out of order;

(c) the time by which those out of order tubewells are likely to become operational; and

(d) the number of tubewells proposed to be set up in Uttar Pradesh during 1991-92 with World Bank assistance?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) There are 80 tubewells in Azamgarh and 64 tubewells in Mau districts of Uttar Pradesh constructed with the assistance of World Bank.

(b) and (c) At present there are no tubewells lying out of order permanently, Due to mechanical or electrical or hydraulic problems a few tubewells were out of order temporarily which were repaired immediately and put into use.

(d) Recently Government of Uttar Pradesh has submitted a proposal for construction and Modernisation of 3000 tubewells in phase III for World Bank assistance.

[English]

Telephone exchange at Osmanabad, Maharashtra

3855. SHRI ARVIND TULSHIRAM KAMBLE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to instal a new electronic telephone exchange at Osmanabad, Maharashtra, if so, when it is likely to be installed;

(b) the total capacity of the present exchange and number of persons on the waiting list for new connections; and

(c) whether the Government also pro pose to expand the capacity of the present exchange in order to clear the waiting list?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir, a new Electronic telephone exchange is planned to be installed at Osmanabad by March'93.